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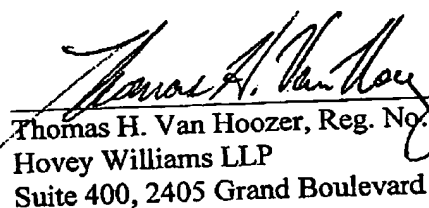Amendment in Response to Office Action Dated July 15, 2005

Remarks

Applicant courteously requests entry of this Amendment under Rule 1.116 which it is believed makes no substantive changes to the claims other than to cancel claim 1, to incorporate its limitations into claim 16 indicated to be allowable, and to amend those claims previously depending from claim 1 to depend from claim 16.

This amendment and response is submitted in reply to the final rejection set forth in the Office Action dated July 15, 2005. In the Office Action, the examiner indicated that claims 18-27 and 29 were allowed, and that claims 16 and 17 presented allowable subject matter and would be allowed if amended to incorporate the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended by this paper claim 16 to incorporate the limitations of claim 1, the only claim from which it depended. Claim 1 is now in independent form. Claim 1 has been cancelled, and claims 2-8, 10, 12, and 13 have been amended to depend directly or indirectly from claim 16. Applicant has also made a minor correction to claim 27 to delete an extraneous "a" in line 3 thereof. Thus, together with claim 17, it is believed that all of claims 2-8, 10, 12, 13, 16-27 and 29 now pending are in condition for allowance and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited.

Should the examiner have any questions which may be resolved by a telephone conference, she is courteously requested to contact the undersigned at 1-800-445-3460. Any additional fees due in connection with this submission may be charged to deposit account 19-0522.

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